the last session of the Legislative Council. The representations regarding his retransfer were rejected as there were not sufficient grounds for the revision of the original order.

MR. G. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): With reference to the answer to part (*a*) of the question, may I know if there is any Government proceedings in 1098 that *vaidyans* should not be transferred as a rule except on their own application or a complaint from the people?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I think the answer is given in part (*a*). No hard and fast rule is laid down.

MR. G. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Am I to understand that there is no such Government Proceedings?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That is what I mean.

MR. G. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): With reference to the answer to part (*e*), has the Director of Ayurveda remarked in any of his inspection notes that the *vaidyan* referred to was losing public confidence and that the *vaidyasala* was not situated in a suitable building and properly equipped?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have no information. The answer given is based on a report of the Director.

Increase of Grant to the Vaidyan at the Ezhumattur Visha Vaidyasala.

17. **MR. G. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of patients treated and cured in the *visha-vaidyasala* at Ezhumattur last year (1101) and the cost incurred by the *vaidyan* on poor in-patients who had to be fed in the *vaidyasala*;

(*b*) the monthly grant allowed to this *vaidyasala*;

(*c*) whether they are aware that tradition and popular opinion insist on *vishavaidyans* receiving no remuneration for their medical aid; and

(*d*) whether the Government will raise the grant now awarded for the *vaidyasala*?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The numbers of patients treated and cured in the *vishavaidyasala* at Ezhumattur during the year 1101 were 2234 and 2223 respectively. As to the cost incurred by the *vaidyan* for treating patients, the Government have no concern, as it is only a grant-in-aid institution.

(*b*) Rs. 20.

(*c*) The Government have heard that there is some such tradition. They are not aware that popular opinion is against the receipt of remuneration by the *vishavaidyans*. The Government have not prohibited them from receiving remuneration.

(*d*) The claims of the *vaidyan* concerned will be considered when vacancies arise in the higher grades.

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